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"PROSTHETIC WALKING SYSTEM"

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office action mailed May 20, 2003. Claims 1-111 are pending in the application.

The Examiner has indicated that the application encompasses nine different species of inventive subject matter as shown in Figures 3-20. Applicants elect to prosecute Species VIII as shown in Figures 14-19. The claims readable on Species VIII include Claims 1-6, 10-11, 13-24, 26-27, 29-44, 48-49 and 51-62.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request consideration of Claims 1-6, 10-11, 13-24, 26-27, 29-44, 48-49 and 51-62 on the merits.

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